

# **LYNCHBURG CITY COUNCIL**

## **Agenda Item Summary**

MEETING DATE: **September 24, 2002**    **Work Session**    AGENDA ITEM NO.: 2

CONSENT:    REGULAR: **X**    CLOSED SESSION:  
(Confidential)

ACTION:    INFORMATION: **X**

ITEM TITLE:    **Water Fountains for the Blackwater Creek Hiking and Biking Trail**

RECOMMENDATION:    None; this information was requested by City Council

SUMMARY: High usage of the Blackwater Creek Hiking and Biking Trail has lead to many requests for installation of water fountains at four locations along the 8 miles of trail. Currently, there are no fountains at any access points or along the trail. The four viable locations and estimated costs are:

- ◆    Ed Page Entrance; Langhorne Road; \$7,867 (would also serve the future restrooms planned at this location)
  - ◆    Hollins Mill Park; Hollins Mill Road; \$5,652
  - ◆    Percival Island Entrance; Concord Turnpike; \$6,300
  - ◆    Kemper Street Train Station, Kemper Street; \$2,454
- Maps showing these locations are attached. *Pictures of two fountains are also attached.*

Four additional locations *where existing water lines cross the trail* were investigated but were found to be unsuitable for the following reasons:

- ◆    Near the old railroad bridge over Blackwater Creek, near the junction of the lower Hollins Mill trail and the tunnel trail. This location is a well traveled portion of the trail, but would have to be tapped from a 20" transmission main. Tapping a transmission main for a service is not recommended.
- ◆    Behind #2060 Overbrook Road. This location is on the main trail but not heavily used compared to other trail locations and would be susceptible to vandalism.
- ◆    Dead-end of Thomson Drive. This location is an undeveloped trailhead and not heavily used.
- ◆    End of Jefferson Street at 8<sup>th</sup> St. Location is adjacent to the new trailhead to the bikeway tunnel and Amazement Square. Area has been recently rebuilt with brick sidewalks. Would not serve general trail users. Amazement Square may have snack/drink vendor in future.

PRIOR ACTION(S): No prior actions

BUDGET IMPACT: Estimated costs for the four viable locations total \$22,273. No funding is currently allocated in Capital or Operating Budgets for installation of fountains. If any of these projects are approved, funding would need to come from the General Fund Reserve for Contingencies.

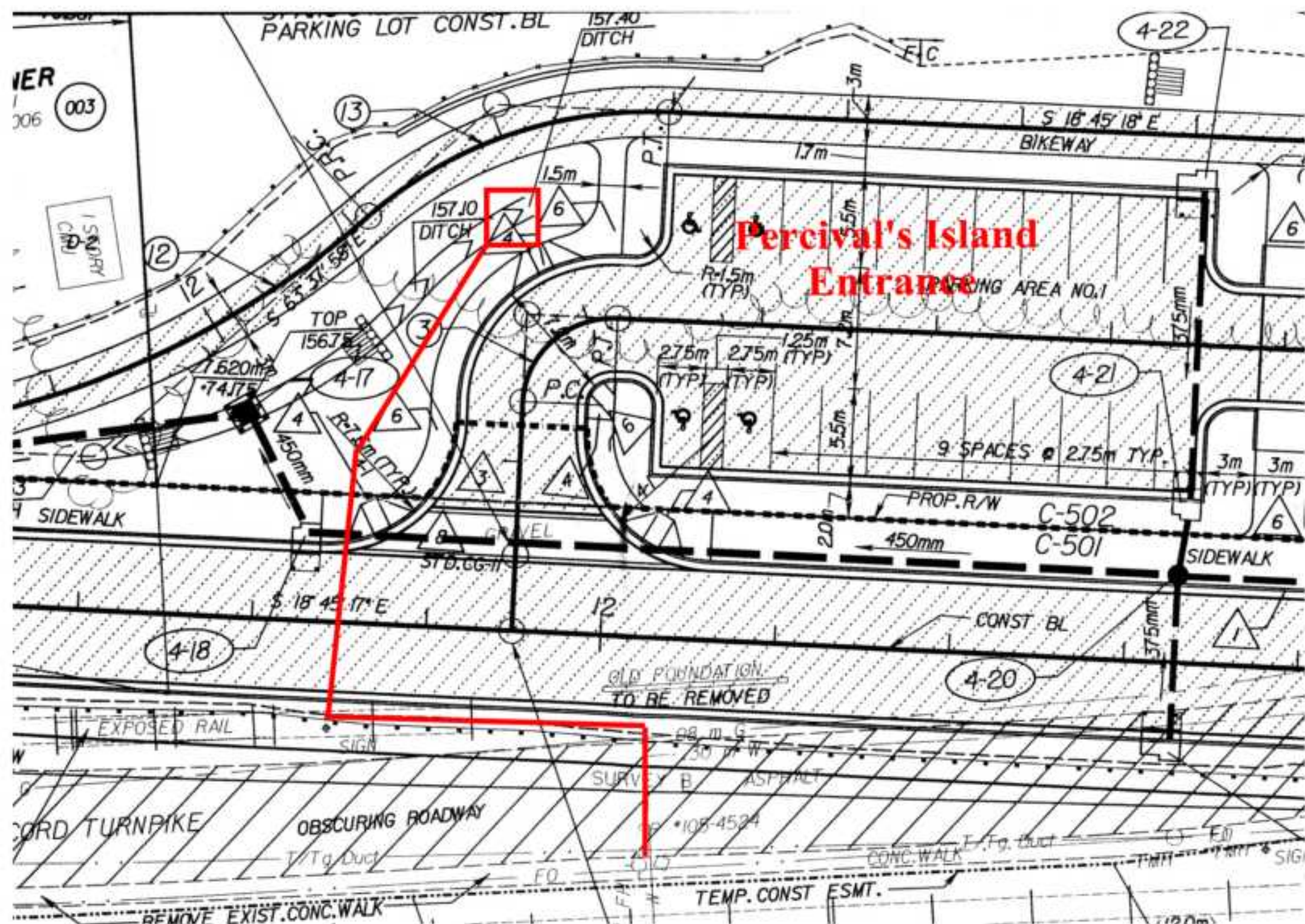
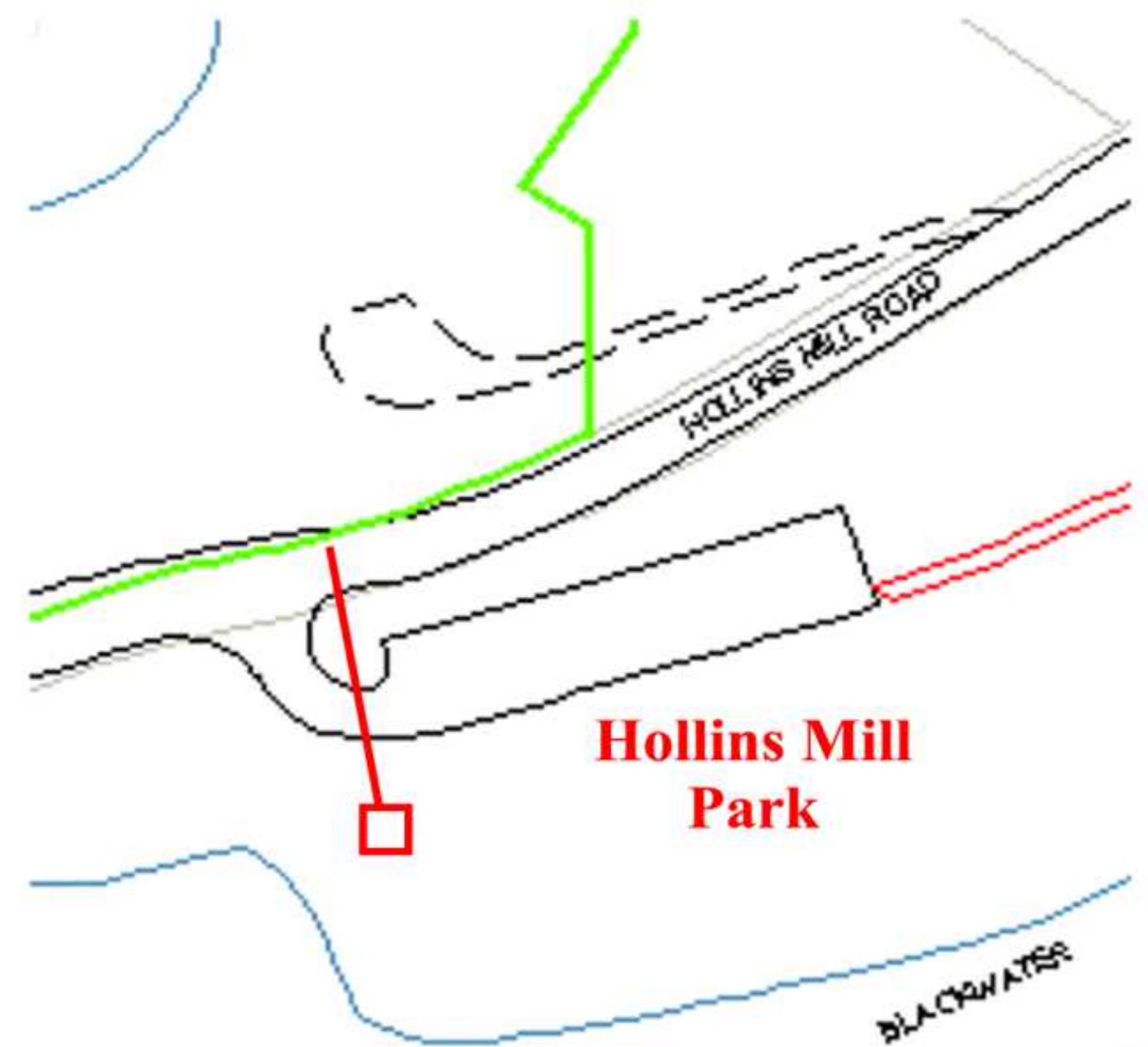
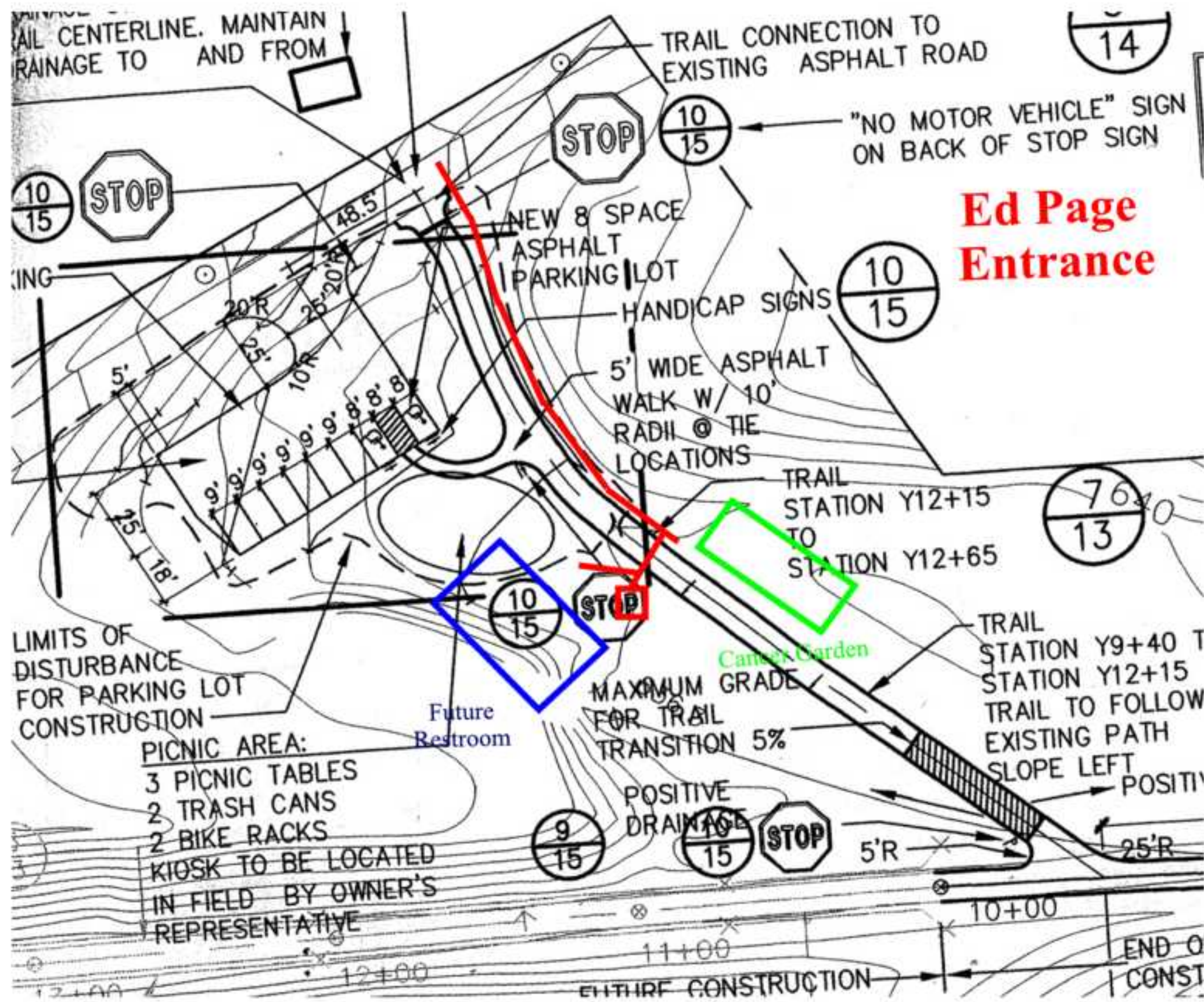
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ATTACHMENT(S):

- ◆ Maps of viable fountain locations
- ◆ Fountain Styles

REVIEWED BY:







# Fountain Styles



Kemper Street Station



Ed Page Entrance  
Percival Island  
Hollins Mill Park

\*Does not show optional pet bowl